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1. Mr. Bowdoin Craighill, Jr., President of the McLean Citizens Association, and Mr. Brandenburger, President-Elect, were in to discuss with me their program for 14 November. We agreed that it would be well if representatives from the National Park Service, Bureau of Public Roads, State Highway Commission, and County Board could participate. I told Mr. Craighill that if he would obtain acceptances from these organizations I would be glad to try to arrange a meeting of the participants in order to determine the subjects each should cover.

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2. [redacted] briefed me on the situation concerning the radio operator in [redacted]. He assured me that they had not withdrawn this man and that he would not do so without letting me know. I have advised the Director that both Kirk and I informed him erroneously on this subject at the Deputies' Meeting on Monday and that the operator is still in place. [redacted] is preparing a staff study on [redacted].

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3. I met with Mr. Dulles briefly to advise him of the problem we are having with Fairfax County in connection with sewage disposal....they want us to pick up the tab for a \$188,000 pumping plant....and said that I would appear before the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday to discuss the matter.

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I also briefed him on the situation involving the shortage of \$1,063,600 in connection with the construction of the extension to the George Washington Memorial Parkway and told him that I would talk to Conrad Wirth about it later in the week.

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I asked him if he had asked Wally Harrison to expedite the laying of the cornerstone for our new building. He said that he had, whereupon I pointed out that it might be rather obvious that we were merely trying to get this done before Congress reconvened since it would be several months before we would lay a cornerstone in the normal course of events. I also pointed out that it was customary to have the builder's name on the cornerstone and that, of course, until our contract was actually let we didn't know who the builder would be. I assured him that by the time Congress went into session we would have made a substantial showing on the site with clearing and grading and recommended that we not attempt to expedite the laying of a cornerstone. He concurred.

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I also briefed him on Bob Amory's very strong opposition to present plans for the ground floor windows. After some discussion he said that he did not wish to ask Mr.

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Harrison to consider this further and did not think that it was too important. (However, at the Deputies' Meeting on Wednesday, which Mr. Lloyd attended in my absence, Bob raised this again, and as I understand it the situation is now unstuck. I will talk to Max Abramovitz and Wally Harrison more about it and ask Mr. Harrison either to write us a letter or to call Mr. Dulles personally.)

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